

# Quote

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may we QUOTE



you on that?

[1] 16 Hungarian refugees, arriving in U S aboard Pres Eisenhower's personal plane, Columbine III, sent him this message: "We thank you, Mr President, for this unforgettable and wonderful Christmas present with which you enabled us to arrive in a new world and free country under such fabulous circumstances."

... [2] Queen ELIZABETH II, in a Christmas appeal for persons driven from their homes by war and violence: "We call them 'refugees'. Let us give them a true refuge; let us see that for them, and their children, there is room in the inn." ...

[3] Queen JULIANA, of Holland, a less happy monarch, making, in her annual broadcast, veiled reference to criticism and gossip amongst her subjects: "Don't I have a right to be myself?" ... [4] Vice Pres RICHARD M NIXON, on his ret'n from Austria, ans'g suggestion that Hungarian refugees pose a 'difficult' problem:

"I am convinced. . . that the coura-

geous peoples who fought for freedom in Hungary should be considered a problem only to the Soviet Union." ... [5]

Chancellor KONRAD ADENAUER, of West Germany: "We may hope that the yr 1957, even tho it does not bring to our Germans in the Soviet-occupied zone the fulfillment of both our hearts' desire, at least will bring this fulfillment within grasping distance." ... [6] Dr WM LLOYD IMES, dean of Fink Univ chapel, addressing a Harlem congregation, referring to a visit of Prime Minister Nehru: "He came as a representative of the world's darker people, perhaps with the hope that he could shake some sense into Western heads." ... [7] ARTHUR LARSON, new director of U S Information Agency: "The U N is emerging as really effective force for peace. And it is the disposition of the Pres to say, 'Let's do it thru the U N.'"

16th year of publication

## moving finger



The mission which took Vice Pres Nixon to Austria is actually more significant than has been indicated in the limited dispatches thus far printed.

The Administration has felt, since the Oct Hungarian rebellion, that the time may now be opportune for a thoro review and revision of our legislation relating to political refugees. One of the Vice President's purposes is to check this situation at its source, obtaining comprehensive data upon which the President may base recommendations to Congress when it convenes early in Jan.

While the fact is not generally known, many thousands of political refugees were already in free Europe prior to the Hungarian outbreak. Many of these persons are desirous of entering the United States, but are unable to do so because of quota restrictions.

This is an especially appropriate time to review the issue because the refugee Relief Act, which became effective in 1953, expires on

Dec 31. Under this law, approx 200,000 political refugees have been admitted to the U. S.

The President's recent move in extending the Hungarian quota was made possible under a provision of the regular (McCarran-Walters) immigration law, which permits the chief exec to issue non-quota visas to refugees when he considers it in the public interests to do so. This is, however, an emergency measure, and individuals thus admitted receive only limited visas.

Now, briefly, the question before Congress is whether to extend the expiring Refugee Act, or to amend the McCarran-Walters law, increasing quotas and probably liberalizing certain security provisions which have tended to limit immigration of seemingly desirable refugees.

While, in the present emergency, little has been said on security checks, this is certain to become an issue in any proposal to substantially increase refugee quotas. Up to this time, refugees admitted have been quite closely screened. There is strong public sentiment for liberalizing quotas, but we must seek to

exclude ideologically undesirable aliens.

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## *Quote* the weekly digest

'He who never quotes, is never quoted'

Charles Haddon Spurgeon



### AGE—1

You're middle aged when you no longer care where your wife wants to go so long as you're not going with her.—*Tit-Bits*, London.

### AUTOMATION—2

If the present rate of automation goes ahead unimpeded, ten yrs from now one worker will be able to produce in 5 hrs all that a worker now produces in 2 days. — B P BRODINSKY, "Automation," *Nation's Schools*, 8-56.

### CITIZENSHIP—Responsibility—3

One of the most important things our universities can teach is the vital necessity of men taking an interest in the gov't and devoting part of their lives to that important work. Only in this way can the people regain the reins of gov't, become again the masters of their gov't, and resume self-gov't according to its original constitutional ideals. The people, by parting with control over their own local affairs, in truth sell their birthright for a mess of pottage.— H H ATKINSON, quoted in *Advertiser's Digest*.

### CHRISTIANITY—4

Our Christian faith, unlike any other religion, is based on historical facts. All other religions consist of moral codes, ethical systems and pious observations.—GEO GOODMAN, *Moody Monthly*.

### COMPETITION—5

Competition: The thing that causes all good TV shows to begin at the same time. — DAN KIDNEY, *Scripp-Howard Newspapers*.

### CONFIDENCE—6

There is a story that long ago, when France was on the gold standard, the nation had a large deposit of gold hidden on an island. Administrations came and went, for 25 yrs. A new head of the gov't sent a commission to check the treasure but a thoro search revealed no gold. The thought arose that, very likely, there never had been any gold—that the French gov't had functioned successfully for 25 yrs on nothing more than confidence. — W L HUDSON, "The Confidence Game," *Partners*, 10-56.

### CRITICISM—7

The genial poet, Tasso, upon receiving reports from solicitous friends that a certain enemy was spreading ill gossip about him, cheerfully observed: "I am not disturbed. How much better it is that he should speak ill of me to all the world than that all the world should speak ill of me to him."—*Houston Times*.

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## washington

By Les & Liz  
Carpenter

Delaware, 1st state to join the union (Pennsylvania was 2nd, 5 days later) has won back its traditional place as 1st state in the Inaugural parade of the 43 governors. Four yrs ago, Texas, where Ike was born, and Kansas, where he grew up, were made 1st in line.

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Actor Geo Murphy, who is in charge of recruiting big names in show business for the various Inaugural functions, says he's determined to force the performers to watch the clock. Four yrs ago, entertainers became so carried away with the applause, and the importance of their audience, that they kept the stage twice as long as scheduled, prolonging programs.

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Indications point to further harassment of Rep Adam Clayton Powell (D-NY) by Democratic House leaders. Powell, Negro Congressman from Harlem, who broke party lines to campaign for Eisenhower last Fall, has already been stripped of his Congressional patronage. Now Democrats on the House Internal Revenue Taxation Subcommittee (a branch of the House Ways & Means Committee) talk of probing some of Powell's income tax ret'ns. Two of Powell's former employes have been convicted on tax charges.

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### EDUCATION—8

The U S will have free, compulsory college education by 1975. By then, high schools will be open 12 mo's of the yr as well. — T M STINNETT, sec'y, NEA Commission on Teacher Education, addressing Nat'l Conf on Jewish Education.

### GOVERNMENT—Cost—9

We continue to spend and continue to lend,

And, of course, we never begrudge it;

We shouldn't deplore a few millions more

It's merely a drop in the budget!

—Banking.

### HOME—10

A home's gold is the good will that is there, but other coins are passed around.—ELMER D COLCORD, Universalist Leader.

### INITIATIVE—11

Long ago, a shipload of people were wrecked on an island in the Caribbean. They found neither food nor fresh water, and their bones were soon bleaching on the sands. Yrs later, a 2nd ship was wrecked on the same coral reef. This shipload found springs of fresh water. But they could find no food on the island; so they, too, eventually, perished from hunger. Many yrs later still a 3rd ship was wrecked on the same spot. But these people had initiative. They found the fresh water. They found, too, that by diving among the coral reefs there were quantities of fresh oysters. And they discovered that an amazing number of oysters contained pearls. When rescued, they were not only well fed but enormously wealthy.—RUBY O LITTLE, *Friendly Thoughts*.

## book briefs...



In *Westermanns Monatshefte*, published in Braunschweig, we picked up a little story, which we translate as our seasonal contribution:

Brockhaus, the publisher of Schopenhauer's main work, once sent the philosopher a gold watch for Christmas. Schopenhauer thanked the giver, but couldn't refrain from adding a line stating that the watch wouldn't go.

Brockhaus repl'd: "The watch is just like your last book. It's not going well, either."

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At a conf on children's reading problems, on the gen'l theme, "From Comics to Classics," held in London last month, Miss Rosemary Beresford, an inspector of English public schools, brought up the interesting point that modern writers of children's books are overdoing punctuation, particularly the exclamation mark. "These restless writers," she feels, "make restless readers. And where every other sentence is an exclamation, emphasis loses much of its meaning."

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Dr E V Leichty, professor of English at Michigan State Univ now comes forward with a word in defense of the slow reader. "Good books," he points out "not only record thought but also provoke it. Justice can seldom be done them in a hurried reading." Commenting on the "speed-to-read" trend, he thinks it might be possible to attain a reading speed of several thousand

What this country needs is a good book for the guy who doesn't want to be popular or successful. — DAN KIDNEY, *Scripps-Howard Newspapers*.

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words a minute, with the aid of a machine to turn the pages, "but it would be a rather futile undertaking."

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To the author who looks palpitatingly forward to the moment when he can see his brain child properly garbed in buckram, French writer Andre Maurois has a discouraging admonition: "Your troubles don't really begin until you've finished writing your book; then you have to begin defending it against the movie script writers."

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The information may not be precisely breath-taking, but we learn from a perusal of Jean Cadart's scholarly 420-page book, *Les Escargots*, lately published in France, that snails sing—a trilling of exhaled air bubbles. These songs vary from battle hymns to exclamations of ecstasy. But of course you have to be a trained snail-listener to catch the sounds.

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## OPINION—12

Experience has convinced me that the prime necessity for those who would go places and not bring back simply what they took with them is to be rid of all opinions before starting. If you can't be rid of opinions, then the next necessity is to learn to keep your mouth shut about them, if you will otherwise find yourself in the hot waters of dispute and get in those messes of words, which among men in any stratum of life operate to confuse understanding. Opinions and principles are no doubt noble things, essential factors in the forward moves of humanity—in the reactionary ones as well—but they are poor things to take along when you are going places with the intention of seeing and knowing what is there. —THOS HART BENTON, *An Artist in America* (McBride).

## PERSONALITY—13

The danger today is not so much that the world will force you to conform, as it is that you will want to conform, that you will prefer not to be the master of your fate, the capt'n of your soul. — HAROLD W DODDS pres, Princeton Univ, "The Importance of Being an Individual," *New Outlook*, 12-'56.

## PRACTICE—14

No one is born with skill to do anything. A man may have a special aptitude, that is, some things come to him relatively easily, yet he must practice them if he is to excel. This is true of all callings, from heading a large co to playing a piano. The most skillful are those who practice the very most.—*Efficiency Mag.*

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## PREACHERS—Preaching—15

Too few preachers seem to know the difference between a sermon and a lecture.—FAITH FORSYTE, *Tit-Bits*, London.

## PROGRESS—16

Very much of what we call the progress of today consists in getting rid of false ideas, false conceptions of things, and in taking a point of view that enables us to see the principles, ideas, and things in right

## *Quote* scrap book

EDITH WHARTON, *American novelist*, born 95 yrs ago (Jan 24, 1862) told in a delightful biography, *A Backward Glance, of her mother's early, and somewhat inhibiting influence:*

I was never allowed to read the popular American children's books of my day because, as my mother said, the children spoke bad English *without the author's knowing it.*

relation to each other.—W D HOARD, *Hoard's Dairyman.*

## RECREATION—17

Everything is done for us from music to professional baseball, so that eventually we may be like an aristocratic Japanese lady with whom I tried to dance at a ball in Washington many yrs ago. She danced very badly, and after a few min's of getting in each other's way and being jostled by the other dancers, I said: "Do you like to dance?" Smiling rather grimly, she said, "Well, of course, I prefer to have it

done for me." And with that we sat and watched the passing spectacle, as many of us are too much inclined to do today with entertainment and with matters involving self-education, once the discipline of school and college have been removed.—DAVID E FINLEY, director, Nat'l Gallery of Art, quoted by ARNE W RANDALL, Texas Technological College, "Gov't and the Arts," *Education*, 11-'56.

#### REFORM—18

If you would reform the world from its errors and vices, begin by enlisting the mothers.—CHAS SIMMONS, *Ladies' Home Jnl.*

#### RELIGION—19

Man today is like an adolescent armed with an adult's weapons—without having attained to an adult's state of mind. He will be a danger to his fellows, and still more to himself, till he grows up spiritually to match his now gigantic technological stature. But the way toward spiritual maturity runs not thru science, but thru religion. I therefore expect to see twentieth century man set out on a quest for the recovery of religion. — ARNOLD TOYNBEE, *Nation's Schools*.

#### SAFETY—Education—20

Some 2nd graders were identifying geometric forms held up by their teacher. When she showed them a square they shouted, "Square." A triangle was just as easy. And almost all knew what a rectangle is.

Then she held up an 8-sided shape.

"What is this one?"

To a child they told her, "A stop sign!"—Paul Pioneer Press.

#### SAFETY—Safe Driving—21

A "crash proof" car is being blt whose safety innovations could cut the death rate on the nation's highways in half. Passengers in the rolling safety package could emerge uninjured from a head-on collision at 50 mph. Altho the prototype car being blt is not for mass production, it is expected to aid designers in producing safer automobiles.—*Science News Letter*.

#### SCIENCE—22

Look at cows and remember that the greatest scientists in the world have never discovered how to make grass into milk. — MICHAEL PUPIN, quoted in *Chemurgic Digest*.

#### SCIENCE—Religion—23

Science and religion no more contradict each other than light and electricity. — WM HIRAM FOULKES, *New Outlook*.

#### SERVICE—24

A very long time ago, in Greece, some politicians thought to play a joke on one of their number and got him appointed Public Scavenger. Instead of being embarrassed he decided to show what a man could do with such a lowly assignment—if he tried. Unsanitary conditions which had encouraged pestilence for decades were eliminated. Habits of cleanliness were promoted. Civic pride was stimulated. In a few yrs people came to look upon the office of Public Scavenger as one of honor and responsibility and thereafter only men of great ability could aspire to the post.—*Whatsoever Things*, Stetson Univ.

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### "Peace without Victory"

Early in the spring of '17, Pres WOODROW WILSON began seeking a formula to end the European conflict. In Dec of that yr he sent identical notes to the belligerents, offering the services of the U S in mediation. Responses indicated that both participants were imbued with a spirit of revenge, which the President believed could not be conducive to enduring peace. He then resolved to express his views publicly, which he did in a speech to Congress, delivered on Jan 22, 1917. It was his hope that this timely warning might strengthen pacific elements in both camps. But the speech was not popular, either at home or abroad. Ten days later Germany announced a policy of renewed submarine warfare, and all hope of early peace was abandoned. It is only now, in retrospect, that the wisdom of Wilson's counsel is starkly apparent:

It must be a peace without victory. . . Victory would mean peace forced upon the loser, a victor's terms imposed upon the vanquished. It would be accepted in humiliation, under duress, at an intolerable sacrifice, and would leave a sting, a resentment, a bitter memory upon which terms of peace would rest, not permanently, but only as upon quicksand. Only a peace between equals can last.

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### SUCCESS—25

When a man was asked to explain the meaning of an epitaph he had written for his tomb ("Born ..... a human being; died ..... a wholesale grocer") he said: "I was so busy selling groceries I did not have time to get married and have a family. There was a whole area of life crowded out by the grocery business. I was so busy selling groceries I didn't have time for the drama, for lectures, for concerts, or for reading. I was so busy selling groceries I did not have time for community service — religious, social, or political. All these areas of life were pushed out. I was successful. But I was so busy making a living I never had time to live."—CLYDE E WILDMER, *A Treasury of Sermon Illustrations*, edited by CHAS L WALLIS, (Abingdon Press).

### TELEVISION—26

On the premise that we were in a (TV) rut, my charming mother-in-law (Toots, we call her) and I rounded up our respective husbands for a movie. Everything was dandy in the cinema palace until, in the death-hush of a harrowing moment came Toots' calm, crisp voice: "Watch that fellow. He did it. I can tell by the way his eyes crinkle." Audience reaction crinkled us. "Gosh," gulped Toots, "I forgot this wasn't TV."

Everyone forgave her — until I commanded, "Watch! Now he hits her. I read the book!" "Madam," the usher said gently, "please." When we finally caught up with our escorts, they already had the engine going in the get-a-way car. —MARJORIE EATOCK, "TV and We," *Farm Jnl*, 10-56.



## pathways to the past



### Nat'l YMCA Wk

**Jan 20—Eve of St Agnes** (On this eve, charms and incantations are presumed to have a special efficacy. Maids of old prayed to St Agnes, as the special benefactor of lovers, to bring them husbands and happiness. See *The Eve of St Agnes*, by Keats). . . **Inauguration Day** (20 yrs ago (1937) Franklin D Roosevelt became the 1st President inaugurated on this date. On that occasion his mother was 1st to see a son inaugurated for a 2nd term). . . 65th anniv (1892) of basketball. The 1st official basketball game was played at YMCA Training School, Springfield, Mass. Dr Jas Naismith, instructor, invented the game to "keep the boys in shape" between football and baseball seasons.

**Jan 21—**The 1st medical work published in this country was a pamphlet on smallpox, issued 280 yrs ago (1677) by Thos Thatcher, of Boston.

**Jan 22—**40th anniv (1917) of Woodrow Wilson's historic plea for "peace without victory." He warned, but with little avail, that a victor's peace in War 1 would result in bitter memories and a danger of subsequent conflicts (see GEM Box). . . Reconstruction Finance Corp'n authorized 25 yrs ago (1932).

**Jan 23—Feast of St Ildefonsus.** . . 220th anniv (1737) b of John Hancock, Colonial merchant and patriot; pres of 2nd Continental Congress. . . 125th anniv (1832) b of Edouard Manet, French painter; leader of

the impressionists.

**Jan 24—Feast of St Timothy.** . . 245th anniv (1712) b of Frederick II, of Prussia (patron of Voltaire). . . America's 1st Divinity Professor, Edw Wigglesworth, was app'ted at Harvard College 235 yrs ago (1722). He held the post until his death, 43 yrs later. . . 95th anniv (1862) b of Edith Wharton, American novelist; awarded Pulitzer prize for *Age of Innocence*, 1921.

**Jan 25—Feast of the Conversion of St Paul** (It is an old belief that yr's weather depends upon this day. "Sun on St Paul's Day means a good yr"). . . 405 yrs ago (1552) John, Archbishop of Hamilton, in Scotland, wrote of a plan to raise rabbits on the now famous St Andrews golf links — the earliest known reference to St Andrews as a golf links. . . 330th anniv (1627) b of Rob't Boyle, Irish scholar and 1st modern chemist; formulator of law governing elasticity of gases. . . 50 yrs ago Julia Ward Howe became 1st woman elected to Nat'l Inst of Arts & Letters.

**Jan 26—**Michigan admitted to union 120 yrs ago (1837). . . 15 yrs ago (1942) 1st American forces of War II arrived in Europe. . . 10 yrs ago (1947) Grace Moore, American opera singer, killed in a plane crash at Copenhagen.

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'of all things'



Recently addressing an annual meeting of the Nat'l Committee on Community Foundations, Leland Hazard pointed to the danger that projects may too often be constricted by the taste and knowledge of those who control philanthropic funds.

Foundation funds, he pointed out, should not be exhausted in the routine bldg and pedestrian work of a community. The foundation must find a place for some significant part of its funds, not so much for what is needed now, but for what would in all likelihood never get done—indeed, what people may not want and may even resist at the outset. The Irish poet, Yeats, has a poem addressed "To a Wealthy Man Who Promised a Second Subscription to the Dublin Municipal Gallery if it Were Proved the People Wanted Pictures." Yeats advised the philanthropist to let the people "play at pitch and toss" while you

Look up in the sun's eye and give  
What the exultant heart calls good,  
That some new day may breed the  
best

Because you gave, not what they  
would,

But the right twigs for an eagle's  
nest!

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#### THOUGHT—27

The reason some people get lost in thought is that it is unfamiliar territory to them.—*Industrial Press Service.*

#### TOLERANCE—28

Just remember, dear mother-in-law, that you were once a daughter-in-law.—*Ihre Freundin, Karlsruhe* (Quote translation).

#### TRUTH—29

A wise teacher once said, "Truth is something which must be known with the mind, accepted with the heart, and enacted in life."—*DAVID A MACLENNAN, "Priming the Preacher's Pump," Church Mgt, 11-'56.*

#### VIEWPOINT—30

An exceptionally successful Sunday school teacher held the att'n of a class of young people every Sunday morning. They noticed that he always prefaced his interesting illustrations and comments with the words: "I thought, as I walked in my garden. . ." They began to talk to one another about his garden, and to wonder about it . . . Finally, they asked to see the garden.

The teacher seemed pleased. He promptly invited the group to come to his home the following Sat afternoon. "I'm afraid you may be disappointed," he said, with a smile, "but you are welcome to come."

The garden proved to be merely a narrow backyd with little grass and almost no flowers in it. "Oh, what a small yd!" exclaimed a girl. "And this is the garden you're always talking about?"

"Yes," he ans'd. "It's small in size, but just see how tall it is! It reaches all the way to the sky, and I can enjoy all the beauties above."  
—*War Cry.*

### VISION—31

An Indian guide exhibited uncanny skill in his work in the rugged regions of the Southwest. On one of his trips he was asked how he knew where he was going, and what his secret was in being able to reach his destination in spite of what appeared to be insurmountable obstacles.

The guide said, "There isn't any secret. All one needs is the far vision and the near look." He went on to explain that he first determined his objective, and then saw to it that each step taken would be directed toward the attainment of that objective.—WILFRED J GOREHAM, pres, Illinois Education Ass'n, "The Far Vision and the Near Look," *Illinois Education*, 9-'56.

### WOMEN—32

A woman makes up her mind and her face several times a day, and is seldom satisfied with the results of either.—GLENN BUNNELL, *Brushware*.

### WORLD RELATIONS—33

One of the easiest things to shoot full of holes is an internat'l defense pact.—DAN KIDNEY, *Scripps-Howard Newspapers*.

### WORRY—34

Wm A Quayle, a Methodist Bishop, was once preaching about worry, and he said, "One night along about twelve o'clock I was sitting up worrying and the Lord came to me and said, 'Son, what are you doing?' I said, 'I'm sitting up worrying.' and the Lord said, 'Well, now my son, you go to bed and go to sleep and I'll sit up and worry the rest of the night for you.'"—NORMAN VINCENT PEALE & SMILEY BLANTON, *The Art of Real Happiness* (Prentice-Hall).

## Mr. Q's column



Paris has ever been a city of problems. The French people are most unhappy unless they have something to stew about. At the moment they are aroused over public telephone booths.

Some mo's ago the Post Office Dep't (in charge of all communications) installed a number of public telephone booths in the streets. Everyone was delighted. But there is a flaw: the booths are completely glass enclosed. This annoys the patrons who like some privacy for their conversations. M. Andre-Yves Breton, Municipal Councillor, put in a protest. There must be non-transparent telephone booths. The Post Office Dep't came back with a resounding "Non!" With such tempting seclusion conveniently at hand, courting couples would monopolize the booths!

Last we heard, a compromise was being considered: bottom half transparent; top half of frosted glass. We'll let you know how it comes out.

And, oh yes, another problem is brewing in the background. Registration records show that about 3 million persons from the provinces have moved to Paris in the past 20 yrs. Someone has figured that if this keeps up, all Frenchmen will be living in Paris in 200 yrs.

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## GOOD STORIES you can use...



### I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

ALICE LANGAN

Bobby's Sunday School teacher was solemnly explaining to her class of six-yr-olds that God watches over them all of the time. "And," she assured them, "He neither sleeps nor slumbers."

"But," protested Bobby, "doesn't he have bags under his eyes?"

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A Texas recruit was observed by his Chief depositing dimes in a coke machine. As each bottle of beverage was delivered, the Texan would grab it and eagerly deposit another dime. After a doz bottles had been delivered, the Chief approached the lad.

"Don't you think you have about enough?" he inq'd.

"What?" exclaimed the boot. "You want me to stop right in the middle of a winning streak?"—*Brushware*. a

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Footsteps outside.

"It's Papa," cried the little boy. "Mommy, what will we show him 1st: my report card, your new dress, or the broken vase?" — *Pourquoi Pas?* Belgium (QUOTE translation). b

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Stopping for gas at a crossrds service station in W Texas, the parched travelers asked the attendant what kind of store the fellow across the way was running, in the hope cold drinks were sold.

"Well, he has auto parts for sale," the attendant said, "and butter, eggs and poultry. He deals in real estate, paints houses, marries folks as justice of the peace, runs the post office, sells ham, molasses and so forth, and takes boarders upstairs. I reckon you'd call it a drug store."—*United Mine Workers Jnl*. c

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A young man was sitting on the terrace at a resort hotel. A pretty young widow was also there with her 4-yr-old son. Suddenly the little chap ran over to the lonely gentleman: "What's your name, Uncle?" he asked, and the man gave his name.

"Are you married?" questioned the boy.

"No," repl'd the young man, rather perplexed.

Then the little fellow pondered a moment, started back towards his mother, and asked in a loud voice, "What else was I supposed to ask, Mommy?"—*Revue*, Munich (QUOTE translation). d

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A Justice Dep't employe who started out of the office to get his hair cut was criticised by a supervisor for having it scissored "on gov't time." Fired back the employe: "Grew on gov't time didn't it?"—*QUOTE Washington Bureau*. e

Herr Wundersam was awfully frightened. He was to have an operation the next day. His wife tried to comfort him: "You really shouldn't worry. Look, the dr is charging only 50 marks for the operation. Have you ever heard of anyone getting a dangerous operation for such a low price?"—*Revue*, Munich (QUOTE translation). f

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It was high time. The bus was supposed to be there in two mins. "Please take my shoes to the repair shop, Walter," begged Frau Fiedler, and thrust a small package under his arm. But on the way Walter lost the paper, so he simply held the shoes as they were. And waved them at his wife as the bus drove past their house.

"Do you think that will help?" asked another passenger.

"What?" asked Walter.

"Well," smiled the other fellow. "Once I took my wife's shoes away from her—but she got out of the house anyhow!" — *Frankfurter Illustrierte*, Germany (QUOTE translation). g

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A 1st-grade teacher was looking over the shoulder of a little boy who had drawn a picture of a church. The steeple was tall and above it was a horrible black mass. "What," asked the teacher, "is that above the church steeple?" "The cost," repl'd the child. "The cost?" queried the teacher. "Yes," said the boy. "That's what my Dad keeps saying is higher than the church steeple."—*Education Digest*. h

Girls sweaters come in two sizes—too large and too small enough.—GEO HART.

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Some modern hair-dos seem to be a gal's clowning glory.—VESTA M KELLY.

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Almost any hunter's wife knows that a bird in the hand is worth about \$12 a pound. — FRANCIS O WALSH.

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Feminine gowns on television don't seem to be causing a great deal of back talk.—MARY ALKUS.

" "

A little commonsense would prevent most divorces—marriages, too.—ANNA HERBERT.

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Another traffic improvement might be divided highways marked "His" and "Hers". — CHARLES RUFFING.

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It is not until the race is over that we know whether the dope is what we had or what we were.—CAROLINE CLARK.

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One thing you can still get for a dime these days is a sneer.—FRANKLIN P JONES.

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The little girl asked, "What makes a man always give a woman a diamond engagement ring, Daddy?"

Repl'd Daddy, "The woman." — *Louisville Courier-Jnl Mag.* i

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An American got into the train in Munich. There was no one else in the compartment besides an older woman. The American sat down at the window, looked out, and chewed his gum. After a while the old woman leaned over and said in a friendly tone, "It's nice of you to try to converse with me. But I'm stone deaf." — *Revue, Munich* (QUOTE translation). j

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The 6-yr-old went off to school, looking very grown up in a new blouse and skirt. When she came home, her mother asked if anyone had commented on her new outfit. "Yes, the teacher did," said Jackie. "She said as long as I was dressed like a lady, why didn't I act like one!" — *Capper's Wkly.* k

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"You look worn out, dear," said the wife of a business man as he sat down to dinner.

"I am. I've had a trying day. That office boy of mine tried that old gag about wanting a day off to go to his grandmother's funeral. I thought I'd teach him a lesson so I said I'd go with him."

"Well, was it a good baseball game?"

"No. It was his grandmother's funeral." — *Reading Railroad Magazine.* l

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After a trip of several hundred miles the traveller arrived at a small hotel, staggered up the stairs, and asked if he could get a room. "Of course," repl'd the desk clk, "but you'll have to make your own bed."

"Oh, that's all right," repl'd the guest, and started to pick up his bags and go to the room.

"Hey, wait a minute. You'll have to take the hammer, saw, and nails. The boards are up there already." — *Frankfurter Illustrierte, Germany* (QUOTE translation). m

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A stringless violin was displayed in the window of a 2nd-hand shop in Chicago.

"This is yours for \$35," said the sign, "no strings attached." — *E E KENYON, American Wkly.* n

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Riverside promenaders saw an elderly man struggling in the swirling waters and heard his shouts for help.

They crowded round as a young man suddenly dived fully dressed into the sea and brought off a gallant rescue, amid cheers.

Everybody showered the rescuer with congratulations. A proposal that the hero should be honored was rec'd with acclamation.

"Oh, well, it's all right with me," said the young man when they finally allowed him to speak, "but what I'd like to know is—who pushed me off the bank?" — *Tit-Bits, London.* o

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After chiding an 8-yr-old boy for not knowing his birthday, the teacher looked it up for him in her register. When she reported it as Apr 15, he gave her a resigned look and said, "That was my birthday last yr." — *Instructor.* p

## light armour

Richard Armour



### Boxed In

*The Folding Paper Box Association has held a competition for new box ideas. Winners include a carry-home container for milk cartons which becomes a play barn for the children, and a shoe box that doubles as a lunch box.—News item.*

Time was, when a box was a box was a box,

A container for soap or for shoes or for socks.

It was something you used to bring home what you'd paid for, And that, my good friend, was quite all it was made for.

But now, though a box is right sturdy, a beauty, And contains what is bought, it must do extra duty.

You know the expression, to "double in brass"?

Well, it doubles in cardboard, or else it won't pass.

Examine the box that the clerk has in store for you:

Will it get your things home, and then do something more for you?

Will it fold in new shapes? Can you cut it or tear it?

Is it good for a toy? Can you eat it or wear it?

Will it serve as a vase, as a footstool, a ladle?

Will it do as a doghouse, a coffin, a cradle? . . .

Oh, the item you buy may be useful—however,

The box that it comes in should be twice as clever.

"Your occupation?" asked the judge.

"I'm a very busy man, Your Honor. In the mornings I distribute advertising pamphlets and in the afternoon I pick them up and sell them as waste paper." — *Wochenpost*, E Berlin (QUOTE translation). q

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A young woman who was driving a car after two lessons, with her father as passenger, exclaimed: "Doesn't speeding over the beautiful country make you glad you're alive!"

"Glad isn't the word," muttered her father. "I'm amazed." — *Penny Prints*. r

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Two men stopped the car out on a lonely stretch of road. Herr Braun didn't like it, but he tried to look friendly. Sometimes that helps.

It did seem to help—for one of them asked politely, "Do you happen to have a couple of matches we could have?" Braun gladly pulled out a few and handed them over, then started off, but the other fellow interrupted. "Just a moment there! We're just drawing straws to see who gets your billfold and who gets your car!"—*Frankfurter Illustrierte*, Germany (QUOTE translation). s

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The sgt was bawling out a group of shabby recruits. "Just look at yourselves," he bellowed. "Your shoes ain't shined, your hair ain't combed, your ties ain't straight—suppose some country suddenly declared war!"—*E E KENYON, American Wkly*. t

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## Quote-ettes

WILFRID HYDE WHITE, British actor, to a director who cautioned that Americans may have trouble catching his accent: "My accent? Why it is *they* who have accents!"

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Attorney for JOE LOUIS, explaining ex-heavyweight's huge tax delinquency: "During his championship period, no brakes were applied to his spending."

2-Q-t

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LE ROY WRIGHT, Detroit laborer, arrested for speeding in his Cadillac: "You guys are always picking on us rich people."

3-Q-t

## SECOND CLASS MATTER

## news of the NEW

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If winter comes, can spring be far behind? The answer to that is, it sure can. And there are still plenty of dark mornings and evenings in store, when extra light will be required.

Flashlights come in for heavy use this time of yr; now you can get one that never needs new batteries. The old batteries can be continually restored. "Charge-A-Lite" is now put on the mkt by Remington-Rand. No attachment is necessary to recharge the flashlight's nickel-cadmium storage cell. Just remove the snap-off cover at one end of the small pocket-size light and plug the bit-in socket into any 110-volt

AC outlet. "Charge-A-Lite" costs \$7.95.

For extra safety when you're hauling a trailer or trailing a boat or carrying a trunk compartment load that projects back of the car, use a rear-end warning device which combines a red light, red reflector, and a red flag. This can be attached to the rear of load, and operates on a single flashlight battery. \$3.75 from Aluminum Marine Hardware Co, Auburn, N Y.

Coming soon is a fluorescent light ceiling fixture which is also an air-conditioner. It distributes cool air which bypasses lamps.

